

REMARKS

Claims 23-35 are currently pending. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 30-35 and indicating that claims 24 and 25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Examiner rejected claims 23 and 26-29 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in light of U.S. Patent No. 4,695,823 to Vernon. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the claim amendments set forth herein.

Claim 23, as currently amended, recites a means for receiving and transmitting pressure data that further is adapted to “determine whether a received pressure data was derived from an associated vehicle tire.” One possible benefit of such a system, as described in the specification, is to ensure that the pressure data received by the receiving and transmitting means was not a “stray” signal.

Vernon discloses a monitor for telemetering data, such as temperature or pressure from a vehicle tire. *See, Abstract.* The Vernon system senses vehicle tire pressure, and compares the vehicle tire pressure to a threshold value. If the sensed vehicle tire pressure is “out-of-range”, as determined from the comparison, the Vernon system transmits a multibit word (generated by an encoder) for that particular condition. *See, generally, col. 2, lines 55-60; col. 3, lines 23-35.* Vernon does not disclose or suggest a system that is adapted to “determine whether a received pressure data was derived from an associated vehicle tire”, as claimed. For at least this reason, Applicant submits that claims 23 and 26-29 are allowable over Vernon.

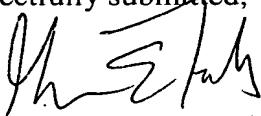
CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 65899-0650 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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